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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM Gail Farber *Gail Farber*
Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF JUNE 28, 2011, AGENDA ITEM NO. 4 COST RECOVERY FOR FILM FEES INVOLVING MULTIPLE PERMIT OFFICES

On June 28, 2011, your Board approved a motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich as Mayor directing the Director of Public Works to work with the film industry over the next six months to review the methodology for charging fees involving multiple permit offices to determine if the collected fees exceed cost recovery and to report back to the Board in seven months.

Background

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, and June 28, 2011, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance Nos. 2011-0017 and 2011-0032, respectively, amending Title 16-Highways of the Los Angeles County Code, and Ordinance Nos. 2011-0018 and 2011-0033, amending Chapter 17 of the Flood Control District Code. The revised Highway Code, which went into effect May 26, 2011, increased the permit issuance fee and introduced a new processing fee, both applicable to all road right-of-way permits including filming activities on County roads (see attached Table 2). The revised Flood Control District Code, which went into effect at the same time, introduced a new issuance fee applicable to all flood permits including filming activities affecting Los Angeles County Flood Control facilities and property.

Public Works has five regionally located permit offices throughout the County (see attached Table 1), which handle permits and inspections for construction/film activities that occur within each respective geographic boundary. Between August 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011, Public Works received ten FilmLA applications that required permits to be issued out of multiple permit offices based on the geographic distribution of the film locations. As a result, 21 filming permits were issued by our regional permit offices. See attached Table 3 for details on revenues and expenditures for these 21 permits. This methodology of issuing permits out of regional permit offices as opposed to a central location provides for enhanced customer service and quicker response time

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in scheduling inspections. On November 17, 2011, Public Works met with the filming industry to brief them on the preliminary results of the fee analysis and informed them that through October 31, 2011, revenues for film permits were slightly less than our expenditures.

Findings

The revenue and expenditure analysis shows that Public Works is recovering its costs on performing services for road filming permit applications, involving multiple permit offices, based on the fees established and adopted by the Board of Supervisors (see attached Table 3). Current revenues slightly exceed expenditures by \$278.50 (1.86 percent).

Public Works will continue to work with the filming industry to monitor and ensure that revenues do not unreasonably exceed expenditures.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me or your staff may contact Dennis Hunter at (626) 458-4006 or dhunter@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson, Anthony Baker, Martin Zimmerman)
Executive Office

TABLE 1
Permit Offices

Permit Office	Location
1	Baldwin Park
2	Valencia
3	Westchester
4	Downey
5	Palmdale

TABLE 2

ROAD FILMING PERMIT FEES

	Old Fee (Prior to 05/26/11)	New Fee (05/26/11 to Present)
Permit Issuance	\$52	\$141
Permit Processing	\$0	\$258
Inspection	\$305/day	\$312/day

TABLE 3
Revenue and Expenditure Comparison for the Period 8/01/11 - 12/31/11

ROAD FILMING PERMITS (8/01/11 - 12/31/11)

Film LA Permit Application	Multi-Permit Offices	Number of Permits	Total Revenue, Rev	Total Expenditures, Exp	Difference, Rev - Exp	Difference, [(Rev - Exp) / (Exp)] x 100%
F00044190	1 & 3	2	\$1,734.00	\$1,637.79	\$96.21	5.87%
F00043993 F00045591 F00046183	1 & 5	6	\$4,266.00	\$4,068.29	\$197.71	4.86%
F00045206	1, 3, & 5	3	\$2,445.00	\$2,080.48	\$364.52	17.52%
F00042537 F00042252 F00045186	2 & 5	6	\$4,578.00	\$4,526.89	\$51.11	1.13%
F00042987 F00043587	3 & 5	4	\$2,267.00	\$2,698.05	-\$431.05	-15.98%
TOTAL		21	\$15,290.00	\$15,011.50	\$278.50	1.86%



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

9:30 AM

4. Hearing on amendments to the Los Angeles County Code, amending Title 16, Section 16.10.090, and Chapter 17, Section 17.05, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code to increase existing filming permit fees to achieve full recovery of the costs incurred by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, respectively, in connection with the issuance of permits for filming activities affecting County of Los Angeles roads and road rights of way and District facilities and property, respectively, by third parties. Find that the recommended ordinances are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. **(Department of Public Works)** (11-2602)

All persons wishing to testify were sworn in by the Executive Officer of the Board. Dennis Hunter, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works, testified. Opportunity was given for interested persons to address the Board. No interested persons addressed the Board. No correspondence was presented.

Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board direct the Director of Public Works to work with the film industry to study the revenue and expenditures associated with film permits issued over the next six months that involve multiple permit offices to determine if the current methodology for the application of the permit processing and issuance fees exceeds cost recovery for providing this service, and report back to the Board in seven months with the results, along with any necessary recommendations.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, the Board closed the public hearing and took the following actions:

1. Found that the recommended Ordinances are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act;

2. **Adopted Ordinance No. 2011-0032, entitled, "An ordinance amending Title 16 - Highways of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to fees charged for filming in the road right-of-way and the expiration date of the temporary reduction in certain fees charged in connection with specified projects." This ordinance shall take effect July 28, 2011;**
3. **Adopted Ordinance No. 2011-0033, entitled, "An ordinance amending Section 17.05 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code, relating to the fees charged by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the taking of motion, TV, or still pictures on the property of the Flood Control District, and the expiration date of the temporary reduction in certain fees charged in connection with specified projects." This ordinance shall take effect July 28, 2011; and**
4. **Directed the Director of Public Works to work with the film industry to study the revenue and expenditures associated with film permits issued over the next six months that involve multiple permit offices to determine if the current methodology for the application of the permit processing and issuance fees exceeds cost recovery for providing this service, and report back to the Board in seven months with the results, along with any necessary recommendations.**

This item was duly carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

Attachments: [Board Letter](#)
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The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held June 28, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Section 17.05 of Chapter 17 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code by:

- Increasing existing fees applicable to the taking of motion, TV, or still pictures on the property of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District; and
- Clarifying the expiration date of the temporary 20 percent reduction of certain fees charged by the Flood Control District in connection with a project involving one single-family residence or one structure with a building footprint of 10,000 square feet or less.

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By



MARK T. YANAI
Principal Deputy County Counsel
Property Division

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05/10/11 (Requested)

05/16/11 (Revised)

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-0033

An ordinance amending Section 17.05 of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Code, relating to the fees charged by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for the taking of motion, TV, or still pictures on the property of the Flood Control District, and the expiration date of the temporary reduction in certain fees charged in connection with specified projects.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17.05 is hereby amended to read as follows:

17.05 Fees for services – Cost determination and collection.

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F. Providing Miscellaneous Services.

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9. Taking of motion, or TV or still pictures – ~~\$300~~798.00/day.

~~10. Taking of still pictures – \$100.00/day.~~

~~140.~~ Use of District rights-of-way to gain temporary access to adjoining lands – \$859.00 for review to determine permit conditions plus \$225.00 for inspection of permitted activity. If fencing must be removed, a security deposit shall be required in an amount equal to the estimated replacement cost of fencing.

~~121.~~ Apiary – \$150.00/year includes inspection (50 hives maximum per location).

~~132.~~ Transfer Drain (Private Drain and Miscellaneous Transfer Drain) processing – \$476.00.

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M. The fees set forth in subsections B, D, F1 through F7, and F140, of this Section shall be subject to a twenty percent (20%) reduction if charged for services rendered by the District in connection with a project involving one single-family residence or one structure with a building footprint of 10,000 square feet or less. The reduction described in this subsection M shall be applied to eligible fees charged ~~within three (3) years of the adoption date of the ordinance adding this subsection~~through and including April 26, 2014, after which time the reduction shall cease and no further reduction shall be applied.

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be published in The Daily Commerce a newspaper printed and published in the County of Los Angeles.



Mike Antonovich
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sachi A. Hamai

Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that at its meeting of June 28, 2011 the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County of Los Angeles by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes

Supervisors Gloria Molina
Mark Ridley-Thomas
Zev Yaroslavsky
Don Knabe
Michael D. Antonovich

Noes

Supervisors None

Effective Date: July 28, 2011

Operative Date:

Sachi A. Hamai

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Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that pursuant to
Section 25103 of the Government Code,
delivery of this document has been made.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By [Signature]
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

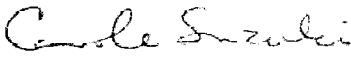
By Leela Kapur
Leela Kapur
Chief Deputy County Counsel

ANALYSIS

This Ordinance amends Title 16 – Highways, of the Los Angeles County Code,
by:

- Amending Section 16.10.090 to increase existing fees applicable to filming in the road right-of-way to recover costs incurred by the road commissioner in performing highway inspections; and
- Amending Section 16.10.190 to clarify the expiration date of the temporary 20 percent (20%) reduction for certain fees charged in connection with a project involving one single-family residence or one structure with a building footprint of ten thousand (10,000) square feet or less.

ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN
County Counsel

By 
CAROLE B. SUZUKI
Deputy County Counsel
Public Works Division

CBS:gjv

Requested: 5/11/11

Revised: 5/25/11

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-0032

An ordinance amending Title 16 - Highways of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to fees charged for filming in the road right-of-way and the expiration date of the temporary reduction in certain fees charged in connection with specified projects.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 16.10.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16.10.090 Fees for inspection and other costs.

A. Subject to Section 16.10.070, each applicant for a highway permit shall pay applicable inspection fees to the commissioner, according to the following schedule:

1. General	
Pre-inspection site visit	\$111 each site visit
Inspections during non-business hours (up to 4 hours)	\$443 each inspection
Additional inspections during non-business hours (over 4 hours)	\$106 each hour
2. Construction Inspection	
Curb drain	\$147 each drain
Parkway drain	\$619 each drain
Residential driveway	\$517 each driveway
Commercial driveway	\$631 each driveway
Paving 500 square feet or less	\$720
Paving greater than 500 square feet	Actual cost

Sidewalk and Curb and Gutter	
50 linear feet or less	\$394
Greater than 50 linear feet to 250 linear feet	\$394 plus \$1.97 per linear foot in excess of 50 linear feet
Greater than 250 linear feet to 500 linear feet	\$788 plus \$1.33 per linear foot in excess of 250 linear feet
Greater than 500 linear feet	Actual cost
New Well Construction	
Diameter 8" or less, and depth 50 feet or less	\$332 each well
Diameter greater than 8", or depth greater than 50 feet	Actual cost
Well Destruction	
Diameter 6" or less and depth 50 feet or less	\$759 each well
Diameter greater than 6" but not exceeding 18", and depth 25 feet or less	\$869 each well
Diameter greater than 6" but not exceeding 18", and depth greater than 25 feet but not exceeding 50 feet	\$980 each well
Diameter greater than 18", or depth greater than 50 feet	Actual cost
Pole Removal/Replacement	\$427 each pole

3. Encroachment Inspection	
Lane closure/detour (per day)	\$235 each day
Awning (per address)	\$284 each address
Monitoring of existing wells (allows monitoring for one year)	\$493 each year
Crane operations (per day)	\$370 each day
Temporary storage of construction materials (per day)	\$234 each day
Filming in road right-of-way	\$305312 each day
4. Excavation Inspection	
Utility service cut (1-3 within one block)	\$467 each
Potholing (including roadway restoration; 1-3 potholes within one traffic control setup not to exceed one block per day)	
Depth 10 feet or less	\$316 each day
Depth exceeding 10 feet	Actual cost
Soil borings (including roadway restoration; 1-3 borings within one traffic control setup not to exceed one block per day)	
Diameter 6" or less, and depth not exceeding 50 feet	\$427 each day
Diameter greater than 6" but not exceeding 18", and depth not exceeding 25 feet	\$538 each day
Diameter greater than 6" but not exceeding 18", and depth greater than 25 feet but not exceeding 50 feet	\$648 each day

Diameter greater than 18", or depth greater than 50 feet	Actual cost
5. Transportation Inspection	
Oversize Extralegal Load inspections (up to 4 hours)	\$905 each
Oversize Extralegal Load inspection (greater than 4 hours)	Actual cost

An Oversize Extralegal Load is defined as a load with the following dimensions:
A height between 18 feet and 20 feet, a width between 16 feet and 22 feet, or a length between 125 feet and 145 feet.

The fees for highway permit inspections not described above or elsewhere in the county code shall be based on the actual cost incurred by the commissioner.

B. Mainline plan review fees shall be based on the total linear footage as shown on the plans and shall be charged according to the following schedule:

0— 15,000 linear feet	\$280 plus \$0.34/linear foot
Greater than 15,000 linear feet	Actual cost

C. On July 1st of each year, each fee imposed by this section shall be reviewed by the commissioner and the amount of each fee shall be adjusted as follows: Calculate the percentage movement between March of the previous year and March of the current year in the CPI for all urban consumers in the Los Angeles— Riverside— Orange County area, as published by the United States Government Bureau of Labor Statistics, adjust each fee by said percentage amount, and round up to the nearest dollar. No adjustment shall increase any fee to an amount more than the amount

necessary to recover the reasonable cost of providing the services for which the fee is imposed.

***Editor's note:** Fee changes in this section include changes made by the Department of Public Works due to increases in the Consumer Price Index and are effective July 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. Section 16.10.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16.10.190 Temporary fee reduction.

The fees set forth in sections 16.10.020, 16.10.090, 16.10.155, and 16.27.050 shall be subject to a twenty percent (20%) reduction as applicable for projects involving one single family residence or one structure with a building footprint of ten thousand (10,000) square feet or less. This reduction shall be applied to eligible fees charged within three (3) years of the adoption date of the ordinance implementing this section through and including April 26, 2014, after which time the reduction shall cease and no further reduction shall be applied.

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SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be published in The Daily Commerce a newspaper printed and published in the County of Los Angeles.



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